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ADVISORY FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2003

MEDIA INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN BIOTERRORISM TABLETOP EXERCISE

EVENT SCHEDULE

9:30 a.m. – Media briefing, Montgomery County Fire Academy, 1175 Conshohocken Road, Conshohocken, PA, (610) 278-3500.

Immediately following the briefing to 11:30 a.m. – Representatives from government agencies, law enforcement, the healthcare community, and local media will participate in a tabletop scenario simulating a large-scale bio-related emergency. The F.B.I. has developed the scenario with the assistance of the U.S. Attorney's Office and other state and local agencies.

This tabletop is the precursor to a planned on-the-street scenario scheduled for spring 2004. This exercise will include a simulated, real-time event with live actors and participants.

The October 24 scenario is designed to help participants prepare for the spring event.

MEDIA NOTE: Reporters are free to cover their participation in the tabletop. Media will be stationed in a "press room" and will not have access to the command center. The remaining portion of the tabletop after 11:30 will be closed.